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Conforming the Federal Railroad Administration's Accident/Incident  
Reporting Requirements to the Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration's Revised Reporting Requirements; Other Amendments;  
Final Rule

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Conforming the Federal Railroad Administration's Accident/  
Incident Reporting Requirements to the Occupational Safety and Health  
Administration's Revised Reporting Requirements; Other Amendments

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of  
Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION: Final rule.**

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**SUMMARY:** FRA conforms, to the extent practicable, its regulations on  
accident/incident reporting to the revised reporting regulations of the  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department

of Labor (DOL). This action permits the comparability of data on occupational fatalities, injuries, and illnesses in the railroad industry with such data for other industries, allows the integration of these railroad industry data into national statistical databases, and enhances the quality of information available for railroad casualty analysis. In addition, FRA makes certain other amendments to its accident reporting regulations unrelated to conforming to OSHA's revised reporting regulations. Finally, FRA makes minor changes to its alcohol and drug regulations and locomotive engineer qualifications regulations in those areas that incorporate concepts from its accident reporting regulations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 1, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to revising its regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, FRA has revised its Guide for Preparing Accident/Incident Reports (Guide or FRA's Guide). Instructions for electronically submitting monthly reports to FRA are available in the 2003 companion guide: Guidelines for Submitting Accident/Incident Reports by Alternative Methods. The 2003 Guide and companion guide are posted on FRA's Web site at <http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/guide>.

For more detailed information on OSHA's revised reporting regulations, see <http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/OSHA-materials>.

Also, note that for brevity, all references to CFR parts will be parts in 49 CFR, unless otherwise noted.

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